

Math 7/8 Syllabus : Mazzie 2018-2019

The best way to contact me is by e-mail at [smazzie@paparts.org]: I check my e-mail daily and will be more than happy to return with a phone call if necessary. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Classroom Rules:

These rules are designed to help the classroom run more smoothly and efficiently so that everyone will have the opportunity to learn.

Be on time and in your seat working on the bell activity when the bell rings.

Be prepared for class everyday.

This means bringing your books, notebooks, and other supplies to class

Have no gum, food, or drink in the classroom.

Actively participate in all classroom discussions and activities.

Be respectful of others, yourself, the teacher and the classroom at all times.

All system and school rules are applicable.

Consequences:

1st offense - Warning

2nd offense - student/teacher conference

3th offense - contact parent

4^h offense - Office referral

Grading System

10% Attendance

20% Classwork/Bellringers/Notes

10% Homework

60% Assessments/Quizzes/Tests

Reminder

Students should remember that this course is a requirement. Therefore, daily study and preparation time are required in order to be successful in this class. You are a middle school student, which means that you are responsible for your own actions and behaviors. This is a very new and difficult course and all concepts build on previous material. This means that you must take this course seriously!

Classroom Supplies

Students must bring their textbook, notebook or (3-ring binder that is separate from other subjects), paper and pencils to class each day.

Students will need to purchase the following materials:

1. Calculator/8th grade only
2. notebook paper/graph paper
3. 3 ring binder/ folder for loose papers
4. Dividers labeled: classwork, Notes, Homework, and Assessments

Also, any donations that students would like to make, such as Kleenex, hand sanitizer, paper towels, or any other classroom supply would be greatly appreciated because I cannot supply these throughout the entire year. Many of these things are very useful during cold and flu season.

Supply Area

There will be an area with things such as a stapler, a three-hole punch, a trashcan, tissues, etc. in the classroom. Students may use these supplies as needed without asking for permission. However, students should not get up to use these supplies during the middle of instructions, a lecture, a presentation, etc.

Entering the Classroom

Students should be on time and be in their seat when the bell rings. The students should begin their bell work activity as soon as they enter the classroom.

Bell Activity

This is an assignment of 5 minutes at the beginning of class in order to review previous material or to prepare the students for the upcoming lesson. Each day, it will be posted on the board before the students enter the room. Each student should write the date, the questions, and the answer to the bell activity. These assignments will be discussed in class and should be placed in your notebook to be checked at the end of each nine weeks. You may write multiple bell activities on the same sheet of paper. All the bell activities should be kept together at the front of your notebook and should be kept in chronological order.

Tardies

Students who are not in the classroom when the bell rings are considered tardy and will tardy- after three tardies you receive lunch detention.

Students who are just arriving at school or who have a note from another teacher for the tardiness will be excused. A student who is just checking in to school must have a pass from the office in order to enter the classroom and be excused.

Turning in Assignments

Students will be instructed to hand in assignments by the teacher.

Homework Assignments

Homework will be assigned as needed because it is important to review class material at home. However, not all homework will be graded. Sometimes, it will be checked for completion; other times, it will be checked for accuracy; and other times, it will not be checked at all. The teacher will instruct the students at the beginning of class to turn in their homework if it is to be checked for accuracy. Homework should not be worked on during class.

Group/Pair Work Activities

Students will be doing a lot of group/pair work in this class. All students are expected to contribute to the assignment and to work collaboratively with the other student(s) in the group.

Notebook Requirements

Each student is required to keep a 3-ring binder for this class. All work should be placed chronologically in this notebook. At the end of each nine weeks, notebooks will be graded. Well-organized notebooks are very important for references in your future Math classes.

Restroom Procedures

If you come to the teacher as soon as the previous period bell has dismissed you and ask him to use the bathroom you will not be counted as tardy if you are reasonably late. However, if you come in late because you went to the bathroom without teacher permission you will be counted late. This will be the only acceptable time to use the bathroom in math class unless it is an absolute emergency. If you have a medical issue you need to discuss it with the teacher before the period begins.

Absences and Make-Up Work

The student is responsible for all make-up work within the number of days the student was absent(see handbook)

There will be a box in the supply area for each day of the week that contains all of assignments for each day. A student who is absent should refer to this box automatically for any missed assignments.

The student's name and date will be on each missed assignment.

Students will have the number of days absent to turn-in any make up assignments. This will begin on the day the student returns to class. If an assignment is discussed in class, the student will receive an alternate assignment in order to receive credit.

If an assignment is due on the day you are absent, it is due the day you return to school.

If it is an extended absence, alternate plans for making up work can be arranged.

If an absence is unexcused, the student will not be allowed to make-up any missed assignments and will receive a zero for this work.

It is always the student's responsibility to see the teacher and/or another student for missed assignments, notes, and/or tests. I will not constantly remind students about make-up work and tests. Even after checking the make-up work folder, the student should still talk with me in case I made an important announcement while he/she was absent, such as a major project that is due next week.

When you are absent from class, you will fall extremely behind because we cover numerous concepts each day. It can be very difficult to catch up because learning math is a new, different, and difficult concept.

Attendance is vital if you want to pass this class.

Late Work

Assignments should be turned as the teacher asks for them. The due date for any major assignments and projects will be given in advance. I will only accept work that is one day late. After one day, I will not accept the assignment. Late work will be reduced 50% of the total possible points. You will need to go to lunch detention in order to make this up. Work that is left at home, in another class, in your locker, etc. is considered late work.

Cheating

Anyone caught cheating on any assignment will receive an automatic grade of 0. Cheating and plagiarism are absolutely unacceptable! Cheating also includes talking during and/or after a test. You do not receive a second chance if you are caught cheating. Students are expected to complete work individually unless otherwise instructed to work collaboratively.

Visitors

If anyone enters the room, you should continue working as if no one were present. Your behavior will form an opinion of our class and I expect this opinion be a good one!!

Attitude

Everyone is expected to have a positive attitude in this classroom!!! One negative attitude can change the upbeat and cheerful mind-set of this classroom. Be cooperative and work well with your classmates at all times (pair work, group work, sharing supplies, etc.).

Participation

Everyone is expected to actively participate in class all discussions and activities.

Test Makeup:

If you need to make up an assessment, it must be done 8th period during targeted assistance. If the make up is due to being absent you may have the opportunity to take it at lunch or another period. Please make an arrangement with the teacher. If the makeup is due to a failing grade (less than 80%) you will need to come in for review and basic skill training, in that specific area before being allowed to retake the test. You get two opportunities to retry the assessment before the grade becomes final.

Teacher

My desk, files, closets, etc. should not be disturbed at any time unless you have my permission. I do not go through your wallet, backpack, etc. Thus, you should not go through my things.

Parent sign_____

Student sign_____

Date_____

Date_____

Movie Permission Form

Movies, along with our hands-on activities such as reading, in-class discussion groups and research projects, give students a well-rounded opportunity to discover mathematics as well as provide incentives for the students.

Movie Ratings:PG to PG-13

Student Name:

_____ Yes, I give my son/daughter permission to view curriculum and school appropriate full-length movies rated PG or PG-13.

_____ No, I do not give my son/daughter permission to view PG or PG-13 curriculum and school appropriate full-length movies of the types mentioned in this letter. I understand alternate learning experiences will be provided for my child while the movie is being watched.

Guardian approval: (by signing your name you testify that you are the person written and you give permission to your son or daughter to watch the movies mentioned.

Parent of:

Parent Signature:

Date: _____

Rules and Expectations Form

I have read and understand with my student the rules and expectations for 8th Grade Math this year. We understand the consequences of the student's actions and know that the teacher is simply trying to make a fun and safe learning environment for every student.

Student Name

Period: _____

Parent Signature:

Date: _____

Student Signature

Date: _____